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1. On the day, when Field Marshal Paulus was scheduled to arrive in Frankfurt/Oder, eight high-ranking KVP officers including General von Lenski met him at the railroad station. When Paulus left the station building he was saluted by the KVP officers and their uniformed drivers in very smart military style. However, Paulus is said to have shown his displeasure at this ceremony. Among KVP personnel it was rumored that Paulus would replace Hoffmann as commander-in-chief of the KVP.

2. Advance information of Paulus' arrival had been given to ADN by Grotewohl's Press Office in the following words: "You will soon receive information on a civilian who arrived at a freight station today."

3. Ex-Field Marshal Paulus arrived in Frankfurt/Oder by special train at 10:48 a.m. on 25 October. 25X1

4. On 27 October Paulus had taken up residence in a villa opposite the Weisse Adler Restaurant in Dresden-Weisser Hirsch. Paulus' residence was guarded by Soviet sentries.

25X1 Comment. West German newspapers, including Muenchner Merkur, also reported that Paulus had taken up residence at Weisser Hirsch, Dresden, and that he had been charged with the reorganization of the infantry officers' candidate school in Dresden. It appears that only KVP circles believe that Paulus will be given a prominent post.

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